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20. Apparatus according to any of claims 11 to 19 in which the control means is operable to modify the predetermined ratio in response to the occurrence of time independent criteria.
 - 5 21. Apparatus according to any of claims 11 to 19 in which the control means is operable to modify the predetermined ratio within an upper limit.
 22. Apparatus according to any of claims 11 to 21 in which the control means is operable to modify the predetermined ratio within a lower limit.
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23. Apparatus for use with a gaming machine to control the proportion of a user's contribution to a game, the apparatus comprising:
 - performance measuring means operable to measure the performance of the gaming machine;
 - 15 control means operable in response to the performance of the gaming machine to modify the proportion of the user's contribution to the game,
 - communication means for communicating the modified proportion to the gaming machine.

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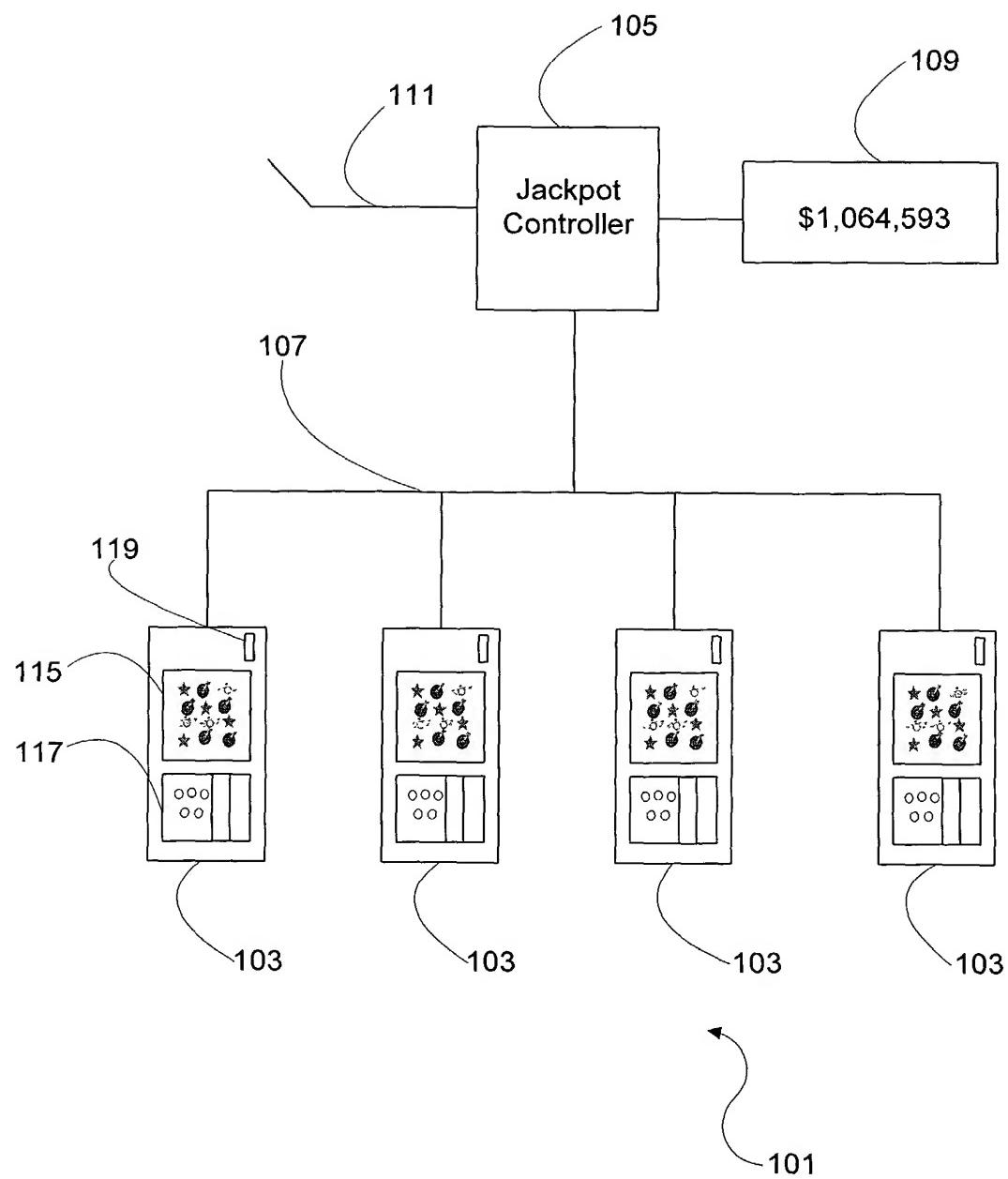


Figure 1